GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA

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DECLINE IN EXPORT OF COIR
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Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the export of coir and coir products have shown decrease in quantity and value during the last three years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor indicating the export of coir and coir products during each of the last three years in quantity and value; and

(c) the steps taken to boost the exports of coir and coir products?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI SANGHPRIYA GAUTAM)

(a) & (b): No, Sir. In fact there has been a steady increase in export of coir and coir products both in quantity and value. Details showing exports of coir and coir products during each of the last three years in quantity and value are as follows :

Year	Quantity (M.T)	Value (Rs. lakhs)
2000-01	67493.08	31366.22
2001-02	71334.81	32058.35
2002-03	82634.00	34512.75

(c): In order to boost export of coir and coir products, the Coir Board has initiated several steps. Some of these are participation in exhibitions/catalogue shows, product promotion programmes abroad, assistance to exporters for acquiring ISO 9000 certification etc. A new Scheme `External Market Development Assistance` has also been introduced effective from 2000-2001 for encouraging small exporters in the coir sector.